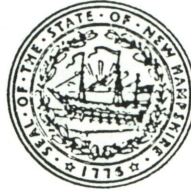


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Dear Bill:

This letter is a follow-up to our telephone conversation of December 16, 1983. At that time you asked me to forward you a letter indicating what Keene ward lines you should follow in preparing the ballots for the Constitutional Convention election set for February 28, 1984.

It is my opinion that you should use the Keene ward lines that were in effect in 1982 when the Legislature last apportioned state representatives and set state representative districts. You should not use the Keene City ward lines that will go into effect in January, 1985 as these wards have been approved only for city elections and have not been authorized by the Legislature as state representative districts. In light of the fact that these city ward lines have not been approved as representative districts, they cannot form the basis of districts for the selection of delegates to the state Constitutional Convention.

Sincerely yours,

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